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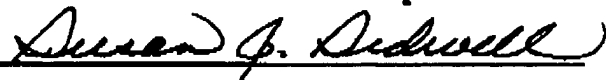
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Re: Application No. 10/740,204

See the attached in response to the Office Action of September 16, 2004:

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/740,204
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Applicant(s): Bayer et al.
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Title: EXTERNAL BLOW OFF CONVERSION OF
COMPRESSOR RECIRCULATION VALVE
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004, please amend the captioned application, as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin at page 6.

Remarks begin at page 7.